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Work for our Chamber of Commerce.

Now that we have a Chamber of Commerce organized, we may expect that our commercial interests will be better looked after than has hitherto been the case. We do not, of course, mean to imply by this that they will be possessed of any powers of directly effecting this important object; but they will, by the combination of individual opinions, be able to arrive at a correct idea of what ought to be done, to place us in the most advantageous position possible, and will thus afford our Government a pretty safe ground to work upon, either by legislation or by negotiation. This newly formed body will find we have no doubt, that there is plenty of room for them to act. Apart from the vast field that lies before them for opening new channels of trade with our port; the duty that devolves upon them of bringing to light, and pointing out the remedy of our local deficiencies; there is very much in the state of our commercial relations with the United States, and even with the adjacent colony, that calls for their serious attention. We have set out with free trade principles, and have no doubt been a gainer thereby in more ways than one, but our liberality has not had many imitators among our neighbors on this coast. Notwithstanding the United States long ago perceived the necessity and advantages of reciprocity with the British North American provinces, and concluded a treaty for that purpose with them. Still they have not yet extended the principle to the western slope of the Rocky Mountains. An American statesman has observed that "the various parts of the American continent like those of the human body, are wonderfully adapted to each other. The different portions of the continent do not profitably admit of any commercial separation, and the principle of unrestricted intercourse has been approved alike by free traders and protectionists at all periods of our national existence." If this is the fact with reference to the eastern portion of the continent, which was more particularly in view of the writer of the above sentences, how much more is it applicable to the States and Colonies of the east Pacific. The latter are, by their very isolation from the rest of the continent far more dependent upon and adapted for each other, than Canada and the Northern States of the Atlantic. There is little doubt but that the principle would have been at the same time extended to us, had we then been sufficiently developed at the negotiation of the Reciprocity Treaty, to have attracted any attention. As it was our insignificance and the absence of local government capable of looking after our wants, caused us to be entirely overlooked. There is no reason, however why this state of things should continue. The returns of the past year must convince the people of California that we will henceforth be among their best, if not the best of their customers, that they have everything to gain and nothing to lose by making trade between us as free as possible. We have taken the first step. Of our free port system they have nothing to complain. In simple justice we are entitled to similar favors. The trade between the ports of this coast, at least as to home productions, should be as free as if it were all in one country. Our coal, lumber, furs and fish should enter San Francisco upon the same terms as we admit their flour, fruits and wines. There should be reciprocity, pure and simple.

In conjunction with reciprocity between this colony and California and Oregon, comes the question of the expediency of intercolonial free trade in our respective productions. There is no reason for the present stringency of the revenue laws of British Columbia. A system of discriminating duties might be framed so as to admit our manufactures or native produce into that Colony free. This would aid the development of our resources without materially affecting the annual income of that Government. We are aware that the Home Government have in past times disapproved of a similar course of proceeding on the part of some of the eastern colonies, but the ideas which at that time dictated their disapproval may be said to have now exploded, and there is not the slightest fear of their being revived. The mother country is now disposed far less than formerly to interfere with her colonies in their legislation for their mutual benefit, conscious as she is that they should naturally be the best judges of their own requirements.

Closely connected with the question of reciprocity of trade in the productions of this colony and those of the States on this coast, is that of the necessity of some modification of the navigation laws of one or both countries. At present they operate very unequally. For the last forty-five years the United States have steadily refused to allow a vessel belonging wholly or in part to a subject of any foreign power to carry goods between any two American ports. So strict are they in carrying out this law, that they will not allow it to be evaded by foreign vessels running between New York, San Francisco and the Isthmus of Panama, carrying on through traffic; the passage of the goods through the latter country being held not to divert them from their transitory character. Now, although our navigation laws are, in theory, similar to the American laws in this respect, yet circumstances tend to make them not nearly so exclusive in their effects. Take their operation in these waters as an example. Here we are, three colonies lying contiguous to each other, all a portion of the British dominions. The relation we bear to each other is somewhat similar to that between two or three States of the American Union. Yet, for the purposes of the navigation laws of Britain we are as portions of different nations. An American vessel sailing between Victoria and Westminster, or Victoria and Stekin is not looked upon in the light of a coasting vessel, though all these points are within British territory. They are therefore in this respect on the same footing as our own vessels, and may compete with them or drive them out of the trade, from the superior protection derived from their own laws. We say superior protection, for their laws give them the exclusive control of the coasting trade between their domestic ports, and our laws give them equal privileges with British bottoms in the intercolonial trade. The injustice towards British subjects in these colonies, wrought by this state of things, is manifest at a glance. Although we present every facility for ship building, and although our conformation and position have evidently destined us for a maritime nation—for the Britain of the Pacific, yet at the very commencement of our career we find our laws place us in an unfair

competition with powerful neighbors. Now there should be such change in the navigation laws as would make our intercolonial trade a coasting trade. Either this, or reciprocity between the shipping of these colonies and that of the Pacific States in the coasting trade of both countries is required, to give fair play to our ship-building interest. The entire or partial union of the three colonies might effect the former object, should the American Government refuse—as they probably would—to alter their laws. The whole subject is well worthy of the investigation of commercial men, and we hope to see it brought by them before the Home and Colonial Governments in proper shape.

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